

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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THE UNITED ASBESTOS
ORIENTAL AGENCY.
Sole Agents for the
UNITED ASBESTOS CO.
LIMITED, LONDON.
DODWELL & Co., Limited.
General Managers.

NEW SERIES No. 4134.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

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號八月正英港香

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 8,910,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO, KOBE,
NAGASAKI, LONDON,
YOKOHAMA, NEW YORK,
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI,
TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG,
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARU HODSUMI,
Manager.
30th October 1902.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$14,750,000
Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve \$4,750,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. H. SHEWAN, Chairman.
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H. E. TOMKINS Esq.

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Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4½ per cent. per Annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1902.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS is allowed at 3½ per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$500 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:
Chan Kit Shan Esq., C. Ewens Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing Esq., J. Laus Esq.,
Chief Manager.

CEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
Hongkong, 19th November, 1902.

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tals 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin, Hankow,
Tientsin, Calcutta,
Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY
DIREKTION DER DISKONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.
H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1902.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.
PAID UP CAPITAL U.S. Gold \$2,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$5,180,000

Head Office—NEW YORK.
LONDON OFFICE:
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.

P. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VŒUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business
transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at 2½ per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months 2½ per annum.

" 6 " 3½ " "

" 12 " 4½ " "

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Tals.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON, PEKING,
CHIEFOO, PENANG,
CHINKIANG, SINGAPORE,
CHUNKING, TIENTSIN,
HANKOW.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans-
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
½ per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

" 12 " " " "

" 18 " " " "

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
YOKOHAMA.....Ceylon.....W. Hayward, R.N.R. About 13th Jan. Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA.....Banco.....E. P. Martin, R.N.R. About 13th Jan. Freight only.

LONDON, &c.....Ballaarat.....F. Summers.....Noon, 17th Jan. Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI.....Coromandel.....C. D. Bennett, R.N.R. About 17th Jan. Freight or Passage.

SINGAPORE &.....Pekin.....C. R. Longden, R.N.R. About 24th Jan. Freight only.
BOMBAY.....

(See Special Advertisement).
† Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).
† Via COLOMBO. (Calling at PANANG if sufficient inducement offers).

PASSENGER SEASON 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH
and LONDON DIRECT....."MALTA".....6,064 Tons.....28th March, 1903.
WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.....

For Further Particulars, apply to
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;
Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers
and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.
PRINZESS IRENE.....WEDNESDAY, 21st January, 1903.
DARMSTADT.....WEDNESDAY, 4th February, 1903.

ISUTIGART.....WEDNESDAY, 18th February, 1903.
PREUSSEN.....WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1903.

HAMBURG.....WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1903.
PRINZ HEINRICH.....WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.

ISACHSEN.....WEDNESDAY, 15th April, 1903.
KIAUTSCHOU.....WEDNESDAY, 29th March, 1903.

BAVERN.....WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
ROON.....WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

PRINZ REG. LUITPOLD.....THURSDAY, 11th June, 1903.
* Steamers of the Hamburg-America Linie.
† Calling at AMSTERDAM.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of January, 1903 at NOON, the Steamship "PRINZESS
IRENE," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain G. Dannemann, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at
NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 19th January, Cargo and
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 20th January, and Parcels
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 20th January.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses
Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

1563c

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

WINTER SEASON,
RACING SEASON.

Scotch Tweeds, Angolas, Cashmeres,
Dress Suitings, Serges, Newmarket Coatings,
Silk-warp, Racing Breeches Material,
Vicunas, Fancy Vestings, Khaki Serges,
Yarnproof Coatings,
Improved Pigskin Puttee Leggings.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1903.

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

Johnson's Digestive Tablets.

THE GREAT REMEDY FOR
Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Flatulency and
Acidity of the Stomach.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Late Dakin, Craik & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1900.

Intimations.

BOVRIL ISN'T DEAR,

in fact, value for value, it is one of the cheapest drinks and one of the most economical
foods that can be obtained. A cup of hot Bovril costs less than a drink of whisky, and
while giving a more genuine and lasting warmth than the latter, contains, in addition,
the nutritive principles of beef worth many times its cost.

Old fashioned beef teas and meat extracts, whether known as such, or disguised under
more pretentious modern names, contain none of the NUTRITIVE properties of beef. Baron
Liebig himself admitted this fact; there is not a doctor to-day disputes it. Used as a
nourishment Meat Extract is probably the most expensive article one can buy. Bovril one
of the cheapest.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON.

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS,
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.
"VECTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER-BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.....THOMAS SKINNER.
SUPERINTENDENT.....ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

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JAPAN COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA

(MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE:—43, SAKAMOTO-CHO, TOKYO.
LONDON BRANCH:—34, LIME STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Barmby, Manila, Almy,
Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama,
Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maizuru, Kure, Shimoda, Moji, Wakayama,
Katsuta, Nagasaki, Kuchinotsu, Sasebo, Milke, Hakodate, Taipeh, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and 2 Codes)

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State
Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and
Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Milke, Tagawa, Yan and Ida Coal Mines; and
SOLE AGENTS for Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Kama, Mameda, Maruoka,
Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yashimatsu, Yoshio, Yumoto and other Coals.
N. INUI, Manager, Hongkong.

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Have you tried

"YEBISU" the famous
JAPANESE BEER
of
TOKYO?

PLEASANT, LIGHT, PALATABLE.

"YEBISU."—Light Beer
Per Case of Eight Dozen Pints \$10.00

"YEBISU."—Black Beer
Per Case of Eight Dozen Pints \$12.00

SOLE AGENTS:
H. PRIE & Co.,
12, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1903.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Owing to repairs to our present
premises we have this day removed to
16, Queen's Road; entrance bottom of
Zetland Street.

CALDBECK, MACCREGOR & Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902.

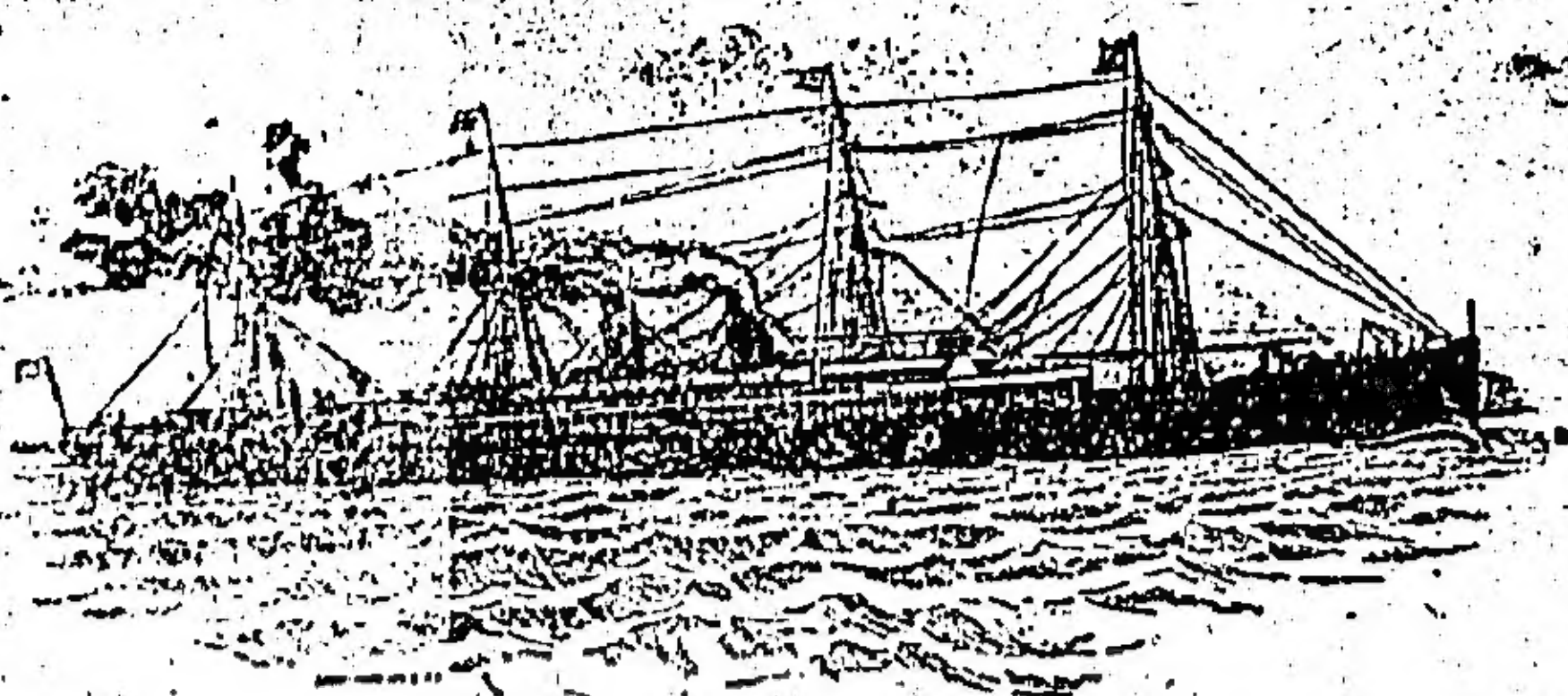
HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band, during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1900.

MAILS.

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"DORIC"	SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, 1903, at Noon.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 24th March, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,500 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE O. & O. Company's Steamship "DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (first-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPEROR" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"EMPEROR"	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE "EMPEROR" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the Isthmus of Panama, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to HONOLULU in 10 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving 4 DAYS in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at HONOLULU with the OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, and New York with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and other ports are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Reduced rates at reduced rates, Good for 4, 5, 9 and 12 months.

REDUCED RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

Passengers of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (the "EMPEROR" and "ATHENIAN") the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILWAY, and the magnificence of its MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY.

THE DINING ROOMS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

DEUTSCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Ports, Cargo at Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LONDON, OBERLIN, GOSWICK, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMSHIP	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	Freight and Passengers
"HAMBURG"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	13th Jan.	Freight and Passengers
"KONIGSBERG"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	20th Jan.	Freight and Passengers
"WILHELMSHAGEN"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	10th Feb.	Freight and Passengers
"C. FERD. LAEISZ"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	24th Feb.	Freight and Passengers
"BAMBERG"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	5th Mar.	Freight and Passengers
"ANDALUSIA"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	19th Mar.	Freight and Passengers

For further Particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after This Date Mr. G. ENGEL in conjunction with either Mr. K. WIDEL or Mr. C. MITTELL is authorised to sign our Firm Name per Procuration. Mr. K. WIDEL and Mr. C. MITTELL are also authorised to jointly sign our Firm Name per Procuration as heretofore.

Wm. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW, (FRIDAY), the 9th January, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A CHOICE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE CURIOS.

Comprising—SATSUMA and CLOSONNE VASES, LACQUERED TEA TABLE and PANELS, IVORY CARVINGS, SILK EMBROIDERED FIRE SCREENS, OIL PAINTINGS, JAPANESE PICTURES, TEA SETS, LACQUERED ALBUMS, &c. &c.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1903.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of January, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	LOCALITY	Boundary Measurements	Content in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
No. 479	Kennedy Road	80 ft. by 85 ft.	6,800	16	1,250

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of January, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Peak Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	LOCALITY	Boundary Measurements	Content in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
No. 480	Peak Road	40 ft. by 60 ft.	2,400	6	350

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903.



PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903, at 3 P.M., on the Spot,

The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection of BOOTHS and MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race-course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS:—Cash.
For Conditions of Sale, Apply to—HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 3d January, 1903.

Insurances.

"STRONGEST IN THE WORLD."

Take Equitable Life Assurance.

All Contracts Have Loan and Cash Values and Embrace all good features of Rival Companies.

The Standing, Strength and Stability of the Company is unquestioned.

For Rates or Information, Call on or Address F. KIENE, 14, Des Voeux Road.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept Fire, Glass FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1902.

SIEMSEN & CO.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of January, 1903, at 12 NOON, for the purpose of confirming the following resolution passed at the EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902):—

R. SOLUTION.

That for the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1899, and that the Honorable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators and that they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and to the incorporation of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company Limited or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will be held in the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 15th of January, at 5.30 P.M. H. E. POLLOCK, Esquire, K.C., President, in the Chair.

G. C. ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary, Navy League, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

THE PASSAGE OF THE DARDANELLES.

From a Reuter's telegram of the 22nd September last we were informed that an Irade had been issued by the Porte authorising the passage through the Dardanelles of four Russian torpedo-boats at intervals of twenty-four hours, the vessels to sail under a commercial flag, carrying no ammunition, nor naval crews. To-day we learn the British Embassy at Constantinople has presented the Porte with a formal protest against the passage of those torpedo-boats, declaring it to have been a violation of international treaties and claiming, if occasion arises, the same privilege for British warships. It will also be within the recollection of many that a rumour gained currency in political circles to the effect that Russia was negotiating with Turkey for the free passage of the Dardanelles. This was, however, denied by the Porte, but in view of the importance attaching to the interesting cable from home it may be as well to recapitulate the history of the question from the international treaty point of view. Without referring back earlier than 1841 we find there was concluded at London a convention between the Great Powers touching the passage of the Turkish Straits. By another convention annexed to, and forming an integral part of, the Treaty of Paris, concluded in 1856, after the Crimean war, it was agreed to renew that of 1841, "with the exception of some modifications of detail which do not affect the principle on which it rests," namely:—"the principle invariably established as the ancient rule of his (the Sultan's) Empire in virtue of which it has at all times been prohibited for the ships of war of foreign Powers to enter the Straits of the Dardanelles and of the Bosphorus, and that so long as the Porte is at peace his Majesty will admit no ships of war into the said Straits." This principle—from which the Sultan reserved the right to deviate, as in the past, by granting firmans of passage for light vessels under flag of war employed in the service of foreign missions—was ratified by all the Great Powers, including Russia, who furthermore agreed, by Arts. 11, 12 and 14, of the Treaty of Paris, that "the Black Sea is neutralised. Its waters and its ports, thrown open to the mercantile marine of every nation, are formally and in perpetuity interdicted to the flag of war, either of the Powers possessing its coast, or any other Powers. The Black Sea being thus neutralised, the maintenance upon its coast of military maritime arsenals becomes alike unnecessary and purposeless: in consequence his Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias and H. I. M. the Sultan engage not to establish or maintain upon that coast any military maritime arsenal." But this neutralisation of the Euxine did not satisfy the Russians, who resolved to bide their time; and in the meanwhile they found means not only of evading, but also of positively violating the Black Sea clauses of the Treaty of Paris by the establishment of a naval harbour at Poti, and the creation at Odessa of a fleet of steamers easily convertible into cruisers; and Bismarck once defined a warship to be "a vessel so armed as to be able to fight." At last the opportunity, so long wished and watched for by the Russians, came to them in 1870 during the Franco-German war. England, single handed, could not stand up for the Black Sea clauses; the opposition of France was out of the question; while Germany owed a debt of gratitude to Russia for holding Austria in check during the progress of the war. In his circular to the Powers, Prince Gorchakoff wrote:—"In reality, while Russia disarmed in the Black Sea, and by a declaration contained in the minutes of the conference otherwise loyally deprived herself of the possibility of taking measures for an effective maritime defence in the adjoining seas and ports, Turkey preserved her privilege of having an unlimited number of men-of-war in the archipelago and Straits, while France and England were also at liberty to assemble their squadrons in the Mediterranean. Complaint was also made that while the warflag of all nations was formally and perpetually prohibited an entry into the Black Sea, yet the Straits Convention closed the Dardanelles only in time of peace, to men-

of-war. In consequence of this, bold diplomatic action on the part of Russia, as formulated by Gorchakoff, a Conference met in London and concluded a Treaty (March 13, 1871), which declared that the Black Sea clauses of the Treaty of Paris, as well as the Straits Convention annexed to it, had been abrogated and replaced by an article providing that—"the principle of the closing of the Straits and of the Bosphorus is maintained, with power to H. I. M. the Sultan to open the said Straits in time of peace to the war vessels of friends and allied Powers in case the Sublime Porte should judge it necessary in order to secure execution of the stipulations of the Treaty of Paris." Thus the Treaty of Paris (1856), as modified by that of London (1871), deneutralised the Black Sea, enabling Russia to maintain upon it whatever armaments she pleased; but, on the other hand, it was some compensation to Turkey, that whereas her previous power of admitting foreign war-vessels through the Straits was restricted to war-time, she was now enabled, in certain circumstances, "to open the Straits in time of peace to the war-vessels of friendly and allied Powers." Since then, however, Russia has lost no opportunity of amplifying an inch into an ell. On repeated occasions during the past thirty years she has sought to profit by the "squeezability" of the Sultan in order to procure something like absolute freedom for the passage of her warships through the Straits—and this, although the Treaty of Berlin (1878) declared that "the Treaty of Paris (1856), as well as the Treaty of London (1871), as maintained in all such of their provisions as are not abrogated or modified by the preceding stipulations." On many occasions since then Russia has tried to evade both the letter and spirit of the above-mentioned instruments by exacting from the Sultan special conditions for her vessels—"ships of war," according to Bismarck's definition—freight with military munitions and relays for Vladivostok. Perhaps the most serious effort of the kind was made about ten years ago, soon after Mr. Gladstone's return to powers, when she fancied England might prove quite as "squeezable" as the Sultan. But in whatever light Russia may be disposed to view the action of the British Embassy at Constantinople in presenting the Porte with the protest against the passage of the torpedo boats through the Straits, she has the assurance of Great Britain that it would be futile for her to make attempts to obtain the free passage of the Dardanelles. Even if she has no such intention of acting at present, it may be fairly concluded, from our experience of her past, that such is one of the principal aims of her foreign policy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Full line of artist's material always in stock at Le Munyon's.—*Advt.*

We understand that the annual distribution of prizes to the scholars attending Queen's College will take place on the 22nd inst.

PRECAUTIONS against plague continue to receive the attention of the authorities. During the fortnight, ended the 3rd inst., 2,993 houses were cleansed and whitewashed.

DURING last year 117,839 rats were caught in the Colony as against 77,763 in 1901, and 46,593 in 1900. For the nine days ended 31st ult. 617 were victims to the rat catching fraternity.

THE report of the analyses of the public water supplied for the month of December, 1902, shows that the water obtained from the services at Kowloon, T'ytam, and Pokfulam is still of excellent quality.

THE United States transport *Sherman* has recently been on an uncharted reef off the Philippine coast. We understand she is now at Manila unrepaid. Let us hope it may be more work for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

AT the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon the results of the examinations made under the "Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance of 1896" for the quarter ended December 31st, 1902, were submitted. Milk, whisky and gin had been examined, one sample of the former being found adulterated.

ACCORDING to a Reuter's telegram from Madrid the late Senor Sagasta, whose death was recorded in our special cable last evening, had presented his resignation to the King of Spain with an intimation that this step was irrevocable. He informed his Majesty that the Opposition had treated him with distrust and want of courtesy, which he did not deserve.

EARLY this morning Indian Constable Tommen Singh, aged 40, ran amok at the Hongkong Police Station. Seizing a carbine, he shot another constable who had the day previous reported him for misconduct, and then hid himself behind a tree adjoining to the Station and commenced a regular fusillade on those who were trying to effect his capture. Seeing that he was unsuccessful, he turned the carbine on himself, inflicting a fatal wound in his abdomen and expired. The other constable who was shot is reported to be doing well.

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IN providing for new arms for the troops at the viceregal yamen at Nanking, Chang Chih T'ung is said to have become impressed with the superiority of the swords carried by Japanese officers and to have sent to Japan an order for a sufficient number of such swords for the equipment of his personal bodyguard at once.

At Amoy there are large numbers of animals undergoing the process of immunization from rinderpest and other contagious diseases previous to their shipment to the Philippines. Among them are 20,000 head of carabao purchased by the Insular Government for the purpose of replenishing the herds in the islands depleted by pest.

THE V.R.C. F.C. play the Club on Saturday next at 4 p.m. on the H.K.F.C. Ground in a friendly match. The following will play for the V.R.C. who will appear in colours:—Goul, J. H. H. Hancey, Black, G. Wilson, J. Vitchell, Halves, R. Lapsley (Capt.) F. K. Heaton, J. Ferguson; Forwards, H. A. Seith, R. Henderson, A. Humphreys, J. N. Holmes and H. N. Sayer.

No fewer than 39,876 arms of every kind have been sent out from Krupp's foundry since its establishment. For the production of the various appliances are required 5,300 machines, 591 cranes, 513 engines of 43,848 horse-power, 363 electric motors, 141 forge hammers, and 43 hydraulic presses. Essen has seven colonies with 3,469 houses, occupied by 20,000 of Krupp's employees.

THE *Mathilde* of the new line between Bangkok and the Malay States was expected to arrive at Bangkok on the 27th ult. The steamship *Mathilde*, as previously announced, will take cargo for Singapore, Malacca, Port Swettenham, Teluk Anson, Penang and Port Weld. It is to be hoped that the new venture will continue to prove a success. The agents in Bangkok are the Borneo Company Limited.

A YOUNG assistant from E. rope was being imported into Rangoon by a German firm; and the other day, on the arrival of the steamer, one of the senior staff from the office went on board to receive the expected arrival. The commander of the steamer reported that the new assistant left the steamer at Port Said, taking with him all his traps, and intimating that he had enough of the tropics.—*Ex.*

Buy a Kodak! Now is the time to snap-shots of the numerous and ever-interesting scenes in Hongkong. Get your film and Kodak at Le Munyon's.—*Advt.*

FROM German East Africa renewed reports have come in of late about the discovery of gold. According to the *Colonial Journal*, five workable gold reefs have been found in the Praya district, and have been investigated by an expert geologist, who also had discovered and stated that alluvial gold was to be found in many places. The alloy of gold in the reefs came up to 300 to 400 grains per ton, so that the reefs are among the best ever discovered. The length of the reefs had been found to exceed many hundreds of metres.

REGARDING the construction and completion of certain works on the Praya near Queen's Street, the following correspondence from the D. P. W. and minute by Mr. E. O. Boone were read at the Sanitary Board meeting this evening. In a letter dated 10th ult., the Hon. Chaitan pointed out that the original on the Praya near Queen's Street has been completed and requested that the Sanitary Board be instructed to take it over. Great delay, he wrote, has been caused in the carrying out of this and similar works by the failure of the Green Island Company to supply the glazed bricks required. Mr. Osborne minuted: "If the Green Island Cement Co. is delaying the construction of these latrines surely the glazed bricks can be got elsewhere. Are the G. I. Co. also delaying the one opposite the Cricket Ground? Work has been suspended for a very long time."

THE Russian paper, *Novoye Vremya*, in a prominent part of its issue, discusses the appointment of Lord Kitchener as Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, and remarks that Lord Kitchener is the most talented British General of the present day. "Without doubt the appearance of such a General at the head of the Indian Army will have an influence not only upon the training and disposition of the troops, but also upon the whole defence system of the Indian frontier. It is probable that the number of fortified points will be increased and the construction of the projected railway lines to the Persian border and from Peshawar to the north will be more rapidly carried out. Furthermore, Lord Kitchener has taken steps for the establishment of military agencies, not only at Kabul, but also in the vicinity of the Russian frontier, especially Herat and Mazar-i-Sherif."

THE Austrian steamer *Vindobona* arrived here on Thursday from Hongkong and berthed at Tanjong Pagar, says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 29th ult. On opening the hatches the next morning it was discovered that a fire had broken out amongst the cargo in number three hold. The work of getting out the cargo which was general Chinese goods, had to be delayed whilst the Tanjong Pagar fire-brigade got to the work of extinguishing the flames. The task presented a good deal of difficulty, and a tremendous amount of water had to be poured down into the hold before the fire was eventually got in hand. The process of extinguishing lasted over four hours, and a lot of cargo was burned and the whole of the contents were affected more or less by fire heat or water. There was no indication of how the outbreak originated, and it has been impossible so far to estimate the extent of the damage.

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FOUR Celestials, armed with choppers, entered a match near Happy Valley yesterday and, after ransacking the place, decamped with a large quantity of money and jewelry. One of the robbers has since been arrested and, we understand, will shortly be brought before the Magistrate.

THE German str. *Hermann Menzell*, which put back to Hongkong and arrived yesterday morning after striking Lampet Island, went into the Aberdeen Dock the same afternoon. She was inspected this morning, and it has been found necessary to replace fifteen plates on her hull, besides doing more or less extensive repairs to the internal beams and ceiling.

A TIMBER merchant of Mong-kok-tsui reported to the police yesterday that an explosion had taken place on his premises, and had blown away the verandah of the first floor. On arriving at the scene the police found a quantity of dynamite hidden in a hole on the first floor. The damage done did not amount to more than \$30.

ALDERMAN Sir Marcus Samuel, the Lord Mayor of London, concluded his state visit to Newcastle-on-Tyne with a pleasant ceremony at Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.'s shipyard, where Lady Samuel launched the *Siberstap*, one of the largest petroleum steamers in the world, designed to fulfil the requirements of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, of which Sir Marcus is chairman. The vessel is 486 feet long, 55 feet broad, and 35 feet draught, and has been built to carry oil cargoes in bulk. Like most of the other steamers of the fleet, she is to be fitted for burning oil fuel.

THE *Siberstap* ship, published at Tomak, says that the Russian Minister of Finance during his recent visit was disconcertingly surprised at the extremely slow progress that has been made with the work of railway construction generally in Manchuria. The section of line between Tashichiao and Dalny was the only section that made anything like a favourable impression upon M. Witte. With the defective arrangements and accommodation of the various railway stations, especially in the case of the larger stations, M. Witte was greatly dissatisfied.

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THE ship, in course of construction for the P. and O. are as follows:—

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Moldavia (Twin Screw)	10,600	14,000
Mongolia (Twin Screw)	10,600	14,000
Marmora (Twin Screw)	10,500	15,000
Macedonia (Twin Screw)	10,500	15,000
Perla (Twin Screw)	10,600	15,000
Palma (Twin Screw)	10,600	15,000
Palermo (Twin Screw)	10,600	15,000
	71,000	77,500

By kind-permission of Lt.-Col. Birdwood and Officers, the Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry will play the following selection during dinner on Friday from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at the King Edward Hotel:

- PROGRAMME.
1. March: "Scottish Brigade".....A. Buckle.
 2. Value: "Blue Danube".....S. Swan.
 3. Selection: "Waltz of the Roses".....S. Swan.
 4. Lancers: "Cossack".....G. Godfrey.
 5. Song: "Promises of Life".....F. H. Gower.
 6. Value: "Sobre Las Olas".....J. Ross.
 7. Barn Dance: "Happy Dances".....G. Godfrey.

BEFORE Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning, two natives were charged with armed robbery in the waters of the Colony, on the 16th ult. They pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr. F. K. H. Bruton, of Messrs. Bruton and Mounsey. It appears a native rice dealer proceeded to Skh Bo Hue for the purpose of buying rice, and having procured thirty-six bags of that commodity at \$7 per bag, he had them transferred to the steam launch *Hung On*. Whilst at anchor, the Chinamen boarded the launch and managed to take away five of the sacks. On her way to Hongkong the same launch was held up by three junks, which surrounded her, and seven men, armed with choppers, went on board and had the remaining twenty-nine sacks of rice transferred to their craft. The case was adjourned.

THE veteran *Rita*, a steamer which was captured from the Spaniards early in the year 1898 and was afterwards converted into a cable ship at New York, is now lying in the harbour, a helpless hulk of broken down machinery and a relic of work accomplished, reports the *Manila Cable News*. The *Rita* after being overhauled at New York subsequently to her capture, while attempting to run the blockade of Cuban ports, had no repairs done upon her excepting a dry dock trip to Hongkong about eighteen months ago, and the night and day work of the ship's engineers who are dissatisfied at the results of their patching because the patching of the best quality does not last long. The cable tanks of the *Burnside*, a new name for the *Rita*, were placed in the vessel at New York and those same tanks have supplied sufficient cable along the coasts of this archipelago to connect all the posts, but those tanks are now the humble recipients of properly ballasting the ship on her trip to Hongkong or Shanghai for repairs. In order to save lighterage the government decided to sink the cable, which was remaining and the valuable property of the United States is now lying at a well marked buoy anchorage off the coast of Mariveles, where it can be picked up at any time. The vessel is commanded by Captain Louis T. Gerard, U.S.A., and Captain A. H. Caffo, Master.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Kinloch* which left here on the 10th ult. has arrived at Genoa on Tuesday, and the 6th inst. The N.Y.K. Co.'s steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 8th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 11th inst. The P.M.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Doric* with mails, &c. left Shanghai for this port yesterday the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and is due here tomorrow evening, the 9th inst.

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A NEW YORK telegram to the *Manila Cable News* says that the capitalists in the United States who are interested in the sugar and tobacco industries are protesting vigorously against the proposed reduction of duties on these imports from the Philippines, alleging that to reduce the tariff now in force to twenty-five per cent of the Dingley tariff would work a great hardship to their interests. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to prevent further congressional action. It was stated in Washington that it was improbable that the Senate would pass the bill providing for the reduction, recently adopted by the House.

THE CLUB LUSITANO AND THEIR CONSUL-GENERAL.

The following letters, which are reproduced from our Portuguese contemporary, *O Patriota*, of the 7th inst., are self-explanatory:—

10, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1902.

Dear Sir,—We are instructed by Mr. A. G. Romano to put ourselves into communication with you a President of the Directors of the Club Lusitano on the subject of your letter to him of the 4th instant requesting him to tender by the 18th instant his resignation as a member of the Club.

Mr. Romano has explained to us in detail the circumstances which preceded your letter in question and we have advised him that he has acted throughout within his rights and in the only way in which, as Consul-General for Portugal, he could have acted conscientiously with his duty to their Majesty, the King and Queen of Portugal. Under these circumstances our client declines to resign his membership of the Club, and we are instructed to call upon you to withdraw your letter, or, in the alternative, if you decline to do so, we will ask you to be good enough to inform us whether it is the intention of the Directorate to perpetrate to expel our client under Rule 43, as, in that event, he will take prompt steps against the Directors by way of injunction or otherwise as he may be advised, and he will hold the Directors and Club responsible to him for all damages, costs and expenses.

Your early reply will be esteemed a favour.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) DEACON & HASTINGS.

J. L. de Selavisa Alves, Esq.,
President,
The Club Lusitano, Limited.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

Dear Sirs,—We have been instructed by the Directors of the Club Lusitano to reply to your letter of the 16th instant written on behalf of Mr. A. G. Romano and addressed to Mr. J. L. de Selavisa Alves, the President of the Club. It appears that the conduct of Mr. Romano on the occasion of the recent visit to Hongkong of the Portuguese Minister to China was considered by a large number of the members of the Club to have been most injurious to the interests of the Club, and the Directors after having written two letters to Mr. Romano on the matter and receiving no satisfactory replies deemed it necessary to call a meeting of their body to inquire into such conduct. Accordingly, a meeting was summoned for the 3rd instant, and notice was several days before given your client to attend that meeting, in order that he might, if he thought fit to do so, give an explanation of, or otherwise defend, the conduct complained of. That meeting was held on the day and at the time fixed, but our client did not choose to attend. At such meeting the Directors, after giving the matter the fullest consideration, were, unanimously, of opinion that the conduct in question of your client had been injurious to the interests of the Club and it was resolved by them to recommend your client to resign and a letter in that effect was accordingly written to him. We not having sent in his resignation within 14 days, a further meeting was held by the Directors yesterday for the purpose of considering whether or not your client should be expelled in accordance with the provision of Rule 42 of the Club Rules, and it was unanimously resolved that he should be expelled.

We will accept services on behalf of the Directors and Club of any proceedings your client may be advised to commence.

Yours faithfully,

(Sig.) WILKINSON & CRIST.

Messrs. Deacon & Hastings.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Doric*) to-morrow.
German (*Dermsdadt*) 11th inst.
French (*Salazie*) 16th inst.
Australian (*Tsima*) 16th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 18th inst.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Salazie*, with 11 c. next French Mail, will leave Singapore for the 8th inst. at 2 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Kinloch* which left here on the 10th ult. has arrived at Genoa on Tuesday, and the 6th inst.

The N.Y.K. Co.'s steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 8th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 11th inst.

The P.M.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Doric* with mails, &c. left Shanghai for this port yesterday the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and is due here tomorrow evening, the 9th inst.

COTTAM & CO. FOR TRESS'S STRAW AND FELT HATS.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(By special arrangement with Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

The Powers and Venezuela.

BOGUS TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, 7th Jan., 6.30 p.m.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy, who declared the blockade against Venezuela have again sent a reconciliatory reply to America. Should America notify the Powers that President Castro is prepared to accept the reserve clauses the raising of the blockade will be possible. At present Castro resorts to the issue of bogus telegrams to the effect that Germany is supporting General Matos.

The Sultan of Morocco.

A DISAGREEMENT.

White England favours the young Sultan, the press of France and Spain is agitating for Guannara. There is no fear, however, of any friction arising in relation to the disagreement.

The Tour of the Crown Prince.

The Crown Prince of Germany will visit the Czar of Russia, and intends remaining in the country from the 17th till the 22nd inst. The rumours regarding his engagement to Princess Alice of Albany are untrue.

(Reuters.)

Mission to the Shah of Persia.

LONDON, January 6th.

Viscount Downe has been appointed to the head of the Mission taking to the Shah the insignia of the Garter.

Cricket.

The Committee of the M. C. C. have approved of widening the wickets by an inch, but have decided to ascertain the views of all the Counties and of the Australian and Philadelphia authorities before submitting the proposal to a General Meeting of the Club.

New Australian Governor.

Admiral Sir F. G. Bedford has been appointed Governor of Western Australia.

LATER.

Passage of the Dardanelles.

The British Embassy at Constantinople has presented the Porte with a formal protest against the passage of four Russian destroyers through the Dardanelles in September, declaring it to be a violation of international treaties and claiming, if occasion arises the same privilege for British warships.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir—Having read in your paper of the 7th inst., suggestions by "A China Cruiser" regarding the proposed establishment of a Hongkong Merchant Marine Club, I should be open to receive criticisms and, if they are desirable, I am in full sympathy with the idea; and with the object of furthering the proposal should be glad to be put in communication with "A China Cruiser."

I am, etc.,

EVOLUTION.

Hongkong, Jan. 8th, 1903.
[We cannot divulge the name of our correspondent "A China Cruiser," but would draw "Evolution's" attention to an advertisement appearing in another column announcing that a meeting will be held in connection with the proposal.—ED., H.K.T.]

QUARANTINE IN NETHERLANDS-INDIA.

We have received the following letter, dated yesterday, from Mr. Havre Droese, Consul for the Netherlands—Sir, I have the honour to inform you that the Governor-General of Netherlands-India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong or having called at this port are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of ten days from the date of departure from this port or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of the animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and which are soiled or cured with a resin, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks, which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at this port. Also is temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong into Netherlands-India tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported, as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence—I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,
DROESE.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

MACAO HARBOUR.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

The question of the harbour improvement of Macao has been so often before the public that it is one that is of some concern and local interest in that the only large river not plying between this and the Portuguese colony is in the ownership of a British company, that the following rough translation of a leading article, which appeared in the Portuguese paper *O Patriota* received this morning, will be read with some interest. Our contemporary says that in the month of April, 1884, the distinguished engineer, Mr. Adolpho Loureiro, set down in his report on the improvements of the harbour of Macao the following categorical assertions:—"The conditions of the port of Macao are deplorable. It left to itself, unless counteracted by practical measures the total loss of the port is not only fatal, but must be very near at hand. Already about 19 years have passed since when the Government was placed in possession of the following information by an expert sent out to study the subject. Of the works which the distinguished engineer recommended almost nothing has been done up to the present, with the exception of the Green Island embankment and the short lengths of sea wall in the inner harbour. The total loss of the port of Macao, foreseen by Mr. Adolpho Loureiro, is approaching inexorably. This area in the inner harbour suitable for anchorage is already in such a condition that it is felt to become smaller and more restricted so that there is hardly room for the anchorage of the two gunboats, like the *Diu* and *Zaire*; as it was seen a short time ago when the two gunboats had to approach so near to the channel that the steamer *Huanchan*, on the run between Macao and Hongkong, in entering, ran the risk of colliding with one of them. The narrow Francisco channel and the shoal in front of the steamship companies' wharves are in such a silted condition that the steamer on the Hongkong and Macao run has to wait for a flood tide in order to be able to leave or to enter the port. This imprudence of the Government is lamentable on a subject of much importance, and for so long a time—almost 19 years. We do not ignore that it was not possible to immediately put into execution all the works recommended by Mr. Adolpho Loureiro. In consequence of the then not too prosperous condition of the public treasury of Macao some of them might well have been carried out by now. Setting aside the works that had to be carried out within Chinese territory, we shall see what is recommended. They are as follows: (1) directing the currents, (2) dredging. He divided the currents into external and internal, giving the latter denomination to the currents observable in the harbour and in the channel of Macao, and external to those that come from the roadway and the channels of "Lips" and "Lugies." To direct the external currents the Taipa breakwater was planned, which, starting from the island of that name, would terminate at Pedra Area. There is, however, a difference of opinion as regards this breakwater. There are those who believe that the breakwater should commence from the island of Don Juan and terminate in Pedra Area so as to prevent the strong current, which comes from the Broadway dividing into two, one finding its way into the roadway and the other to the channel of Taipa, as was the wish of Mr. Adolpho Loureiro. Since by this means the force of this current would be broken and might possibly not have been sufficient to arrest the full progress of the silting up of the channel of Taipa to the high seas. Besides this, the detritus, coming from the Broadway proceeding from the West River, could accumulate far from the breakwater and fill up the Taipa channel. It is true that we could then construct a wharf in Pedra Area, and go by from the big water to Taipa. But Mr. Adolpho Loureiro, in concluding his report, said, "I would not conclude this report without pointing out over again that the observations, which I submitted to the consideration of Government should not be considered as a final and complete work; but rather as a preliminary scheme sufficient to proceed with immediately." Above all, it is the observation of the tides that the distinguished and well-known engineer wanted should be continued, because he met with difficulties in making evening observations for want of a staff, and also because he could not, owing to the war then raging between France and China, establish beyond Portuguese waters tidal observation stations as he desired, since they were indispensable for a complete study of this important point with a view to basing thereon the proper deviation which should be given to the external currents by means of the breakwater, in order to secure the desirable result, which is of preserving unobstructed the bed of the channel of the port of Macao which the dredgers would keep open. It is certain that the proper guidance of the current could give this result since we have, at the foot of the forts of Taipa and Bugio, two deeps of eight metres caused by the action of the currents, and which shows that, being properly directed, they could still make and preserve equal depths in the channel, which would be formed with the aid of the dredgers. It is, therefore, expedient that, before anything is done, a board should be formed attached to the Harbour Office, under the direction of a naval officer, who would devote themselves exclusively to continue the prosecution of the tidal observations made by Mr. Adolpho Loureiro, and amplify them by establishing other observation stations, which this distinguished engineer desired, but which cannot be established outside Portuguese waters. These observations made continuously for two or three years might

form the basis to establish definitely the direction of the large breakwater, which has for its purpose the deviating of the external currents. In any case the construction of the sea wall in the inner harbour might be proceeded with and might help to improve the accessibility of the port. Before summarising the more salient features of the Harbour Improvement Scheme, our contemporary urges the desirability of putting into immediate execution the order, which, it is said, has arrived from Lisbon for the purchase of a dredger. All that we ask, says our contemporary, is not beyond the financial resources of Macao, and, therefore, we trust that our request will be attended to being particularly confident in the good will of the present distinguished Governor of Macao, and in the desire which he evinces for the prosperity of the place over whose destiny he zealously presides.

WINGLOK STREET COLLAPSE INQUIRY.

The inquiry into the cause of the collapse of Nos. 126 and 128 Winglok Street was resumed this afternoon.

Ip Fuo Mun, manager of a Chinese mercantile firm, said there were 45 bags of pepper, 500 of sugar, and 10 cases of tobacco on the floor of No. 126. There was nothing of special weight on the 2nd floor. The total weight of the goods would be 81 tons.

At this stage photographs of the collapsed buildings, taken by Mr. P. Crisp, Inspector of Buildings, were put in by the Crown Solicitor and shown to the Magistrate and the Jury. Leong Yee Kwai, said that he was one of the managing owners of the Wo Hop scaffolding shop. He had been in that capacity for ten or twelve years, and in 1886 went to London for the exhibition. He put up scaffolding, and was given a certificate by the then Prince of Wales. He did all scaffolding that was required for the construction of the houses which collapsed. He had been instructed by Wing Sing to do the work, which was commenced on 8th April last. He propped up the floors of No. 11 Tung Loi Lee in September. There were goods on the ground and first floors. The proppings to No. 126 Winglok Street were similar to those in Tung Loi Lane. He did not prop up the 3rd and 4th floors. They were put up before Wing Sing, contractor, started to break down the party wall of Nos. 14 and 16 Tung Loi Street. He was of opinion that the walls were broken down in October. As each floor was broken down he propped up the remaining floors. The sloping props were in the shape of a fan. There were five groups of like nature in No. 14, with a distance of ten feet between each group. The shorings were propped up on stacks of bricks. The proppings were completed about three or four weeks before the collapse took place. Wing Sing, the contractor, directed him how to place the props, and Mr. Orange never directed him in that respect. He knew Mr. Orange, one of Messrs. Leigh and Orange's employees, who was generally on the works. He received his orders from Wing Sing, the contractor. Before he put up the props he did not examine the wall as he knew nothing about them. His business was to put up scaffolding. He did not know what weight the wall was supporting. When he propped up the party wall of Nos. 12 and 14 he did not reckon the weight, but before starting he was aware that the premises were used as a godown.

By Mr. Lanker.—He had a very long experience in the scaffolding trade, in fact, about 11 years. He had done a great deal of business, including the propping up of walls when houses were being demolished. He had never experienced a collapse in the course of his eleven years' experience. He could tell by his experience what was required to properly prop up a wall. Regarding floors, he always used vertical props. He also put up partitions, and was instructed by Wing King, the contractor. After the collapse he visited the scene and found copper, iron, and other boxes in the debris.

By Mr. Bowley.—He had done larger jobs than the one he undertook at Winglok Street. The props which he used were of the best material; in fact, five times stronger than others.

Poon Yon said that he was the master of the Wing Sing shop, and carried on work as a contractor. Last year he signed a contract with Li Chuk Kai to build ten houses in Tung Loi Lane. The plans and specification were prepared by Mr. Mullin and signed more than a month ago. The agreement comprised the pulling down of the ten houses, and labour, materials and scaffolding connected with the job.

HONGKONG ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

LADIES' MAT II.

The second meeting of the Hongkong Army Rifle Association commenced yesterday, and will be continued till Saturday afternoon. Up to the present the events have been for Natives only, but the events for British troops commence to-morrow. The keenest contest will undoubtedly be the *Grand Aggregate Challenge Cup*, the winner of which will be awarded a cup as being the best shot in the British Garrison irrespective of rank. On Saturday, from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be a Ladies' Non-competition Competition, and afterwards a Ladies' Match. The conditions for the latter are:—Service Rifle, Range 200 yards, and Bull's-eye two feet diameter. (Rifle and ammunition provided.) Prize presented by the Association. The Revolver Pool is proceeding daily, a separate range being provided for it.

H.E. Major-General Sir William J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., is president of the Association, and the officers commanding corps and regiments in Garrison are vice-presidents. Lady Gascoigne has kindly consented to present the prizes at the Kowloon Ranges on Saturday, January 10th, at 5 p.m.

Individuals still wishing to enter for competitions can purchase tickets at the secretary's tent during shooting hours, on the 9th and 10th.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP AND SILVER MEDAL FOR JANUARY.

The following were the only cards returned:—
Mr. C. W. May 86—6=80
Mr. E. V. D. Parr 103—15=88
23 entries.

POOL.
Mr. C. G. Matthew, R.N. 99—20=79
Mr. C. W. May 86—6=80
Dr. W. N. Martin, R.N. 96—14=82
Dr. W. L. Drew, R.N. 99—15=84
Mr. E. V. D. Parr 103—15=88
31 entries.

The quarterly meeting for the MacEwen, Richardson and Hogeys Cups takes place from Friday, 9th, to Monday, 12th January, 1903.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, 6th January.
The H. K. C. & M. S. B. Co's boats having started this week on a double run in consequence of the *Powan* having to go to Dock, the *Hankow* made her first night trip yesterday, leaving Hongkong at 5.30 p.m. The run to Canton, in such boats as the *Hankow*, only taking about seven hours and the Customs regulations in Canton forbidding them to enter the harbour before 6 a.m., it is usual for her to anchor below Whampoa. This morning after the *Hankow* had weighed anchor and started for Canton she collided with a large junk being towed by a launch, neither of which showed any lights. The *Hankow* stopped and found that neither craft was in a sinking condition.

CANTON, 7th January.

THE SLAVE TRAFFIC.
The buying and selling of children, so many times referred to in your columns goes on apace. Not only from the surrounding district are the women and children procured, but even in the city itself men sell their wives and daughters in order to procure food. A new departure was made this morning. On the arrival of the *Fatshan* a man and woman were handed over to the *Fatshan* wharf guard of soldiers for kidnapping. It appears that a woman, whose husband died in Hongkong, was told by this man and woman that they were instructed by her friends to take her to her husband's relations in Canton. For this purpose they shipped by the *Fatshan* on Tuesday night, but during the passage the compradore's suspicions were aroused, and he promptly informed the chief officer, with the result that the couple were handed over on arrival.

OPENING OF WEST RIVER PORTS.

Eight ports—Dosing, Luk To, Yuet Sing, Luk Pu, Hou Lik, Kau Kong, Ma Ning, and Yung Ki will be officially open to British steamers on and after 12th inst.

TROOPS.

Troops continue to leave here for the West River, in tow of mandarin launches. Several thousand must have now left the city.

THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

Reports begin to arrive at Canton from the disturbed districts to the effect that, on the 3rd inst., the Imperial troops came in collision with the rebels in the Nim-Shan Pass on the borders of Kwangsi, where, after a severe fight, the Imperial troops are reported to have been put to flight, leaving behind them a great number of wounded and slain. At the Luk Lo Pass, Kwelchow province, another section of the Imperial forces also engaged the rebels. A most sanguinary battle was reported, and although the rebels overcame at the beginning, yet they afterwards rallied, and delivered a crushing defeat to the Imperialists. During the heat of the battle, three sections of the Government troops were ambushed, and were slain to a man. The Hakkas whose homes are situated in the southernmost districts of Kwang Si, but who are to be found in every province, are reported to have joined the rebel ranks. The reported marching of the rebels into Hunnan province has been confirmed. Wong Chi Chueh, the Imperial commander, has been recalled, and cashiered for not being able to cope with the rebels, and allowing them to get into Hunnan territory. Another report says that the Canton authorities have telegraphed direct to the Throne for advice. It is reported that Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai has ordered the despatch of two thousand of his foreign drilled troops to Hunnan to crush the rebels.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory.
On the 8th at 11.40 a.m. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the NE. of Japan.
The barometer has risen over Japan, fallen considerably along the China coast, particularly in the North.
Pressure is highest between the E. coast of China, and W. Japan, and probably another depression has appeared over S. China.
Decreasing monsoon in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; rain.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

THE WORLD'S COTTON SUPPLY.

Indian Engineering points out that while planters in India are mourning over the collapse of the indigo industry, and lamenting the fall in the price of ten, neglecting at the same time the splendid opportunities offered in our newly acquired and sparsely populated colonies, the practical and scientific Germans are launching an enterprise which bids fair to hurt another Indian industry. In East and West Africa they have been testing the cotton-producing capabilities of the soil and it is expected that in a few years Togoland will be a very important factor in the world's cotton supply. All this time the British investor is supine, and his brothers and cousins help to swell the numbers of the unemployed. In this province the cotton trade seems to be almost entirely in the hands of the Chinese. There can be no doubt with capital and knowledge it might be enormously increased, while the fertile lands of the Shan States should offer exceptional inducements to planters, with an almost European climate available at short distances from the tropical portions where cotton could be easily grown. The staple of Burma cotton is at present grown in said States to find favour in Europe. But the demand for China and Japan is large and constant, year after year. And with scientific knowledge there should be no great difficulty in improving the length of staple in the areas where cotton is now grown. Capital of course would be required, and that is where the difficulty comes in. British investors seem to fight shy of bringing capital to Burma, although the stability of the rupee has now been fairly established, and has been put to several years' test. Whether the fact that money made here and returned to England pays two income taxes has anything to do with keeping capital out of India and Burma or not, is difficult to say. But capitalists certainly fight shy of investing out here, although double the rate of interest prevailing on most industries in England might be fairly calculated on. Russia also is said to be starting tea-planting on a large scale, so that more rivalry from a little expected quarter will perhaps soon be experienced by Indian and Ceylon tea planters. On the cotton growing lands of India and Burma, we may certainly hope to be able to compete successfully with the Germans in Togoland, as we have the start of them. But we cannot hope to do so unless we are prepared to put capital and an equal amount of energy and knowledge into the business. Since the American war in the sixties of the last century, the cotton industry out here has progressed but slowly, although it gives usually a good return to those engaged in it, in Burma at any rate.—E.S.

Commercial.

TODAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

BANK shares are in great request at \$70, but there are no sellers. The City is a slight improvement in HONGKONG, CANTON & YACAO STEAMSHIP CO. and sales have been effected at \$27, \$27.50 and \$28. There are sellers of INDO CHINA TRAM NAVIGATION at \$26. STAR FERRY CO'S are wanted at 25. Small sales have been made in SHELL TRANSPORTS at 25. HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO'S have declined and sales have been made at \$20.50 and \$20. HONGKONG HOTELS are required for \$141. Sales have been made of WATKINS L.D. at \$8.

EXCHANGE.

IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/7
" Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 1/6
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/6
" Unreits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/6
IN HEBELIN, (demand) M. 1/2
IN PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 1/9
" Credits, 4 months' sight 2/3
IN NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
" Credits, 30 days' sight 3/9
IN HAMBURG, Telegraphic Transfer 1/18
" On demand 1/18
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7/2
" Private 30 days' sight 7/6 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 7/6 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's buying rate 1/2 1/2
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tola 4/2 1/2
Bar Silver 32 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To day's quotations are as follows:—
MULWA NEW @ \$ 970/100
" LAST YEAR @ 1,000/100
" OLDEST @ 1,030/100
PATNA NEW @ 1,025
BENARES NEW @ 924
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 650/730

To-day's Advertisements.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship.

"SALAZIE".

Captain Aubert, will be despatched for the 1st time on or about WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [1003]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship.

"GLENGYLE".

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out and marked by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be offered.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days of the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognized.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [130]

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 17th January, 1903, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 15th, to SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th Jan. 1903. [130]

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING, open to all CERTIFICATED MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS, will be held, by the courtesy of the Manager, at the Office of the Hongkong Telegraph Company, Limited, 14, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, at 3 P.M., on SUNDAY, 18th January, 1903, for the purpose of discussing the desirability of FORMING A MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' CLUB at Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address suggestions to be laid before the Meeting to THOMAS C. SWABY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [130]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG-MANILA, REDUCED SALOON PASSAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, Excellent Accommodation. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [130]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 5.15 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [130]

THEATRE ROYAL.

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1903.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

THE SAILORS AND SOLDIERS INSTITUTE, Arden Street.

GRAND NAVAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

by Members of the Crews of H.M.S. "ALBION" & H.M.S. "OCEAN".

Interlude by the celebrated String Band (under the baton of S. H. ROBERTS) of the H.M.S. "ALBION" kindly lent for the occasion by Rear-Admiral H. T. GREENE, and Officers.

Marvellous conjuring by WAN LUI-FU, the Wizard of Kwangtung, and the Spite CHUN FOX, only 7 years of age.

To conclude with wonderful Acrobatic Performance by WAN LUI-FU's famous troupe of Acrobats.

Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.

Performance from 9 to 11 P.M.

Prices \$3, \$2, & \$1.

Box Office at the Comptroller's, City Hall, will be open on and after MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903.

Hongkong, 8th January 1903.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship.

"LOONGSANG".

Captain C. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Call at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.

(Lowest) Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.

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Captain C. Cheze, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th inst., at 1 P.M.

This steamer has capital accommodation for passengers. Electric light and carries a doctor.

For Information as to Passage and Freight apply to S. SANDER, WIENER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong,

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE ON
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	14th January.
	"PAKLING"	22nd "
	"DIOMED"	28th "
	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	20th January.
	"TELEMACHUS"	3rd February.
	"PROMETHEUS"	17th February.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	24th January.
	"DARDANUS"	20th February.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMSTERDAM	"ODPACK"	14th January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS and NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PAKLING"	24th January.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [18]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MOJI	"NINGPO"	9th January.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	9th "
Cebu and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	15th "
MANILA	"TAIYUAN"	20th "
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	20th "
Kobe and YOKOHAMA	"TSINAN"	21st "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
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Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [17]

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamships	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	9th January, at Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Do	16th "
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Noley	Do	"
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	Do	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS. [1208d]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOJI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA,

FOR

PORTLAND OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"CAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	Jan. 24 1903.
"DRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	"
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	"

Through Bills of Lading issued in Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to
[1256c]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations	Steamers	Captains	Sailing Dates
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 11th Jan., at 8 A.M.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 14th January
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 18th January.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 21st January.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China
and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is
provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.
All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the
Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.
Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pier on the Customs' water-front premises at
Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze
River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's
steamers from Shanghai.
For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at
No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.
[1379d]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
The Company's Steamship."HAILONG."
Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [122e]EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and
QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)
THE Steamship"EASTERN."
Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant,
at Daylight.This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for
Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber,
which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions,
Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the
Electric Light.A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.
N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [1383d]TOYO KISEN KAISHA,
(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG AND MANILA,
IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROHILLA MARU"
3,869 Tons.
Captain E. P. Bishop, will be despatched hence
for MANILA, on SATURDAY, the 10th instant,
at Noon.To be followed by
"ROSETTA MARU"
Magnificent accommodation. Comfortable
cabins. Excellent table. Unrivalled speed.
Electric light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Prince's Buildings.
Ice House Street.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [1184d]AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship"TIROL."
Captain Bretfeld, will leave for the above
places on SUNDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.
This steamer has capital accommodation for
passengers, Electric light, and carries a doctor.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Prince's Building.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1903. [116e]IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LOYD.STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Imperial German Mail Steamship"DARMSTADT,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
Captain G. Meiners, due here with the
outward German Mail on SUNDAY,
the 11th instant, at Noon, will leave for the
above places about 24 hours after arrival.NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [1563c]REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK.VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1903."MOGUL" About 14th Jan.
"HINDUSTAN" 15th Jan.
"SHIMOSA" To follow.For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
11 Robinson, 6th January, 1903. [121e]NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,
(Florida and Rubattino United Companies).STEAM FOR
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND
PENANG.Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and
GENOA.VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITER-
RANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE,
and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up
to CALLAO.Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN
GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCE-
LONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, AL-
MERIA and MALAGA.THE Steamship
"ISCHIA."
Captain Muzio, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at Noon.
At BOMBAY, the Steamer is discharging in
VICTORIA DOCK.For further Particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [126e]

Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP
AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMIRIA."
Captain Duckstein, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before Noon TO-
DAY, the 2nd instant.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and
stored at Consignees' risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 8th instant will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1903. [14-]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CHUSAN."
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. Rome.
From Australia, ex S.S. Australia.
From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P.
S. N. Co.'s Steamers.Goods not cleared by the 10th instant at
4 P.M. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees
and the Company's representative at an ap-
pointed hour.All claims must be presented within ten days
of the steamer's arrival here after which date
they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903. [14]

STEAMSHIP "CALEDONIAN"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex
s.s. Dardogne, and from Bordeaux, ex s.s.
President Leroy Lallier, in connection with
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure
and Valuables are being landed and stored
at their risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 5th instant, request-
ing it to be landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed
after MONDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon,
will be subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 12th instant, or they will not be recognised.
All damaged packages will be examined on
MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903. [1004c]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

THE Steamship

"GIBLARTAR."
Captain D. Morris, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 13th instant will be sub-
ject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 13th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [127e]

Kananga Water the most deli-
cious and refreshing
Toilet Water. It renders the skin firm, relieves
mosquito bites and imparts a delicate fra-
grance and feeling of comfort and freshness.Now Sold in all Perfumery
Stores.IGAUD'S KANANGA EXTRACT
IGAUD'S WHITE ROSE
IGAUD'S MELATI EXTRACT
IGAUD'S IKORA D'AFRIQUE EXTRACT
IGAUD'S ELI OF THE VALLEY EXTRACT
IGAUD'S YLANG-YLANG EXTRACT
IGAUD'S BANTAM EXTRACT
IGAUD'S JASMINE EXTRACT
IGAUD'S STANGE EXTRACT
IGAUD'S STANGE EXTRACT

Intimation.

NOTICE.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the
OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any
DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews
of the following Vessel during her stay in
Hongkong Harbour:
S.S. BRUNOSA, British str., Capt. E. A. Chaplain.
—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

TEN-YA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,135, K.
Yamada, 6th Jan.—Mororan 25th Dec.
Coal—Hokkaido Tanko Kaisha.
CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,424, W. Lambie,
7th Jan.—Chinkiang 3rd Jan. General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.HINSANG, British steamer, 1,537, W. E. Sawyer,
7th Jan.—Hongay 5th Jan. Coal—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.GLENGYLE, British steamer, 2,344, Temperly
Darke, 8th Jan.—London 20th Nov. and
Singapore 1st Jan. General—McGregor
Brothers & Co.LIENSHING, British steamer, 1,248, W. O. M.
Young, 8th Jan.—Canton 7th Jan. General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.NINGPO, British steamer, 1,228, E. Richards,
8th Jan.—Canton 7th Jan. General—
Butterfield & Swire.SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, Con-
nall, 8th Jan.—Balik Papan 30th Dec.
Oil—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.SISHAN, British steamer, 845, A. Jones, 8th
Jan.—Saigon and Jan. Rice and Meat—
Bradley & Co.SHANTUNG, German steamer, 1,057, M. Engel-
hardt, 8th Jan.—Singapore 29th Dec. Oil.
—Mr. Geo. McBain.

Departures.

Jan. 7, Kishung, British str., for Canton.
Jan. 8, Chini, American str., for San Francisco.
Jan. 8, Benlomon, British str., for Singapore.
Jan. 8, Bulyses, British str., for Nagasaki.Jan. 8, Sunkung, British str., for Manila.
Jan. 8, Seichun, British str., for Shanghai.
Jan. 8, Yikang, British str., for Hongay.
Jan. 8, Aphenade, German str., for Hoihow.
Jan. 8, Phranang, German str., for Bangkok.

Passengers—Arrived.

Per Glengyle, from London—Mrs. Farrow,
and Capt. Bish.

Departed.

Per König Albert, from Hongkong for Singa-
pore—Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Holmeister,
Messrs. C. F. Davis, Moore, Liu Wen Yu, Wei
Lan, and Miss Lo, for Penang—Mr. Kai
Cheong, for Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. James
Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. B. Schroder and
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carter, Mr. and
Mrs. Donald Gordon, and Mr. D. Larnach.Per Genon—Mr. V. de Chiolet, Dr. Luchs, and
Mr. J. V. Howten. For London—Misses
Longstons and Kate Grant.

Post Office.

A Mail will close:—

For Canton—Per Honan, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 7 30 A.M.
For Manila—Per Zafiro, to-morrow, the 9th
instant, at 11 A.M.For Quong Tchew, Hoihow, Pakhoi and
Haiphong—Per Hur, to-morrow, the 9th inst.,
at 11 A.M.For Amoy—Per Ribelsberg, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 1 P.M.For Macao—Per Hengshan, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 1 P.M.For Nampou—Per Taike, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 3 P.M.For Shanghai—Per Woosung, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 4 P.M.For Kunchuck and Samshui—Per Tung-
tung, to-morrow, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.For Canton—Per Fathian, to-morrow, the
9th instant, at 5 P.M.For Manila—Per Rohilla Maru, on Saturday,
the 10th instant, at 11 A.M.For Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daigi
Maru, on Sunday, the 11th instant, at 9 A.M.For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Lao, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 11 A.M.For Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per
Ichin, on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at 11 A.M.For Shanghai, Moji, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yoko-
hama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—
Per Tosa Maru, on Tuesday, the 13th instant,
at 3 P.M.For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria, B.C. and Vancouver—Per Empress
of China, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at
11 A.M.For Manila—Per Loongang, on Wednesday,
the 14th instant, at 3 P.M.For Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kaifong, on
Thursday, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.For Manila—Per Rubi, on Friday, the 16th
instant, at 11 A.M.For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Ballarar, on Saturday, the 17th instant, at
11 A.M.For Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown,
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and
Melbourne—Per Taiyuan, on Tuesday, the
20th instant, at 3 P.M.For Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per
Canton, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at
10 A.M.For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Prinses Irene, on Wednesday, the 21st inst.,
at 11 A.M.For Kobe and Yokohama—Per Tshian, on
Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 3 P.M.For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of
India, on Wednesday, the 15th Feb., at 11 A.M.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AIRLIE, British steamer, 2,503, St. John George,
6th Jan.—Sydney 6th Dec., and Manila
3rd Jan. General—Gibb, Livingston &
Co.AMARA, British steamer, 1,555, C. J. Mattock,
6th Jan.—Canton 5th Jan. General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.BADLSEBERG, German steamer, 1,379, A.
Reckmann, 4th Jan.—Moji 31st Dec.
Coal—Bradley & Co.BENLID, British steamer, 1,483, David Clark,
5th Jan.—Moji 31st Dec. Coal—Gibb,
Livingston & Co.BRAND, Norwegian steamer, 1,510, John
Thorsen, 13th Dec.—Chinkiang 8th Dec.
Rice—Carlowitz & Co.CHOWFA, German steamer, 1,055, J. Köhler,
2nd Jan.—Bangkok via Hoihow 25th Dec.
Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.DAIGI MARU, Japanese steamer, 846, T. W.
Groves, 7th Jan.—Tamsui 4th Jan. Amoy
5th Jan. and Swatow 6th Jan. Camphor and Gene-
ral—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

WEATHER-FORCASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

A **DRUM** indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.).

A **BALL** indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.).

A **CONE Point Upwards** indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.).

A **CONE Point Downwards** indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.).

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.
Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flag-staff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—

- Joint Cable Companies' Office.
- Ferry Company's Pier, a House of Trade.
- Blake Pier.
- Post Office.
- Harbour Office.
- Office of the Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon.

WEATHER-FORCASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS

are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weather-forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. C. FIDG.

Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th July, 1902.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

H.M.S. Britomart	at Kowloon Dock
Larkin	"
Amara	"
Empress of China	"
Hongkong	"
Blanchy	"
Powson	"
Brand	Cosmopolitan
Triton	"
Aldie	Aberdeen
Hermann Menzell	"

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	DATE.
Anping, &c.	Mauduru Maru.	Jan.
Hremen, &c.	Sachsen	April
"	Kiautschou	Mar.
"	Bayern	May
"	Princess Irene	Jan.
"	Preussen	Mar.
"	Darmstadt	Feb.
"	Stuttgart	Feb.
"	Hamburg	Mar.
"	Prinz Heinrich	April
"	Roon	May
"	P. R. Luitpold	June
Hombay, &c.	Hiroshima Maru	Jan.
"	Ichita	Jan.
Cebu & Iloilo	Kailong	Jan.
Foochow, &c.	Yaping Maru	Jan.
Havre & Hamburg	Nürnberg	Jan.
"	Silesia	Jan.
"	Wurzburg	Feb.
"	C. Fred. Laeisz.	Feb.
"	Hamburg	Mar.
"	Andalusia	Mar.
Japan	Idakata Maru	Jan.
"	Yamaguchi Maru	Jan.
"	Kiotsu Maru	Jan.
"	Kagoshima Maru	Jan.
Liverpool	Tydeus	Jan.
"	Durulanus	Feb.
London	Antenor	Jan.
"	Telemachus	Feb.
"	Prometheus	Feb.
Marseilles, &c.	Balthazar	Jan.
"	Malta	Mar.
"	Oropus	Jan.
"	Pylorus	Feb.
"	Lios	Jan.
"	Kawachi Maru	Jan.
"	Bingo Maru	Jan.
Manila	Robtlla Maru	Jan.
"	Rosetta Maru	Jan.
"	Rubi	Jan.
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